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B.M. CALEDONIA	7558	W. S. Andrews 5th Feb.
† HALLAARAT	4930	W. J. Nantes 12th "
† CARTHAGE	6267	J. H. Lawton 19th "
B.M.L. PENINSULAR	6297	W. A. Whaler 26th "
* SHANNON	4189	F. Cole 5th Mar.
B.M. EGYPT	6003	R. F. Brisco 12th "
CARTHAGE	6297	J. R. London 19th "
B.M.L. CALEDONIA	7459	W. S. Andrews 26th "
* SHANNON	4189	F. Cole 2nd April.
B.M.L. ORIENTAL	6284	L. H. Monle 9th "
* VALETTA	5013	C. Gadd 16th "
B.M.L. CARTHAGE	6267	J. R. London 23rd "
* SHANNON	4189	F. Cole 30th "
B.M.L. EGYPT	6003	R. F. Briscoe 7th May.
* VALETTA	5013	C. Gadd 14th "
B.M.L.		21st "
* SHANNON	4189	F. Cole 28th "
B.M.L. CALEDONIA	7459	W. S. Andrews 4th June.
* VALETTA	5013	C. Gadd 11th "
B.M.L. PENINSULAR	6297	W. A. Whaler 18th "

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IMPERATOR	J. Nicolich	4,149	1st March 1898.

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PHITRITE	G. Cotsanis	3,430	19th Mar., 1898.

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SYDNEY	4,221	Aubert	Tuesday, 15th March 1898
OCEANIEN	4,349	Schmitz	12th April, 1898.

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Vessel.	Tons.	Captain.	To sail on or about the
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H. G. GEEL,
Ag. Commissioner of Police.

Head Police Office, Bombay, 28th January, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that under the orders of Government, a Camp of Detention will be OPENED at BANDRA, on the B. B. and C. I. Railway on the Island. All persons alighting at Bandra by UP Trains and all persons passing through Bandra by DOWN Trains, or arriving by sea in the said area will, with the exception mentioned hereunder, be DETAINED under observation for a period not exceeding ten days.

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By Order of the Municipal Commissioner,
T. S. WEIR,
Health Officer.

Public Health Department, 29th January, 1898.

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NOTICE.

DR. N. K. UMARIGAR, will be in attendance from MONDAY, the 31st instant, at his Dispensary in Abdul Rehman Street, between the hours of 9 and 11 A.M. daily, except Sundays, for inoculation of all persons wishing to avail themselves of Professor HAFFKINE'S TREATMENT AGAINST PLAGUE.

By Order of the Municipal Commissioner,
T. S. WEIR,
Health Officer.

Public Health Department, 29th January, 1898.

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.
NOTICE.

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DINSHAW EDALJI WACHA,
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Hon. Secretaries, Bombay Presidency Association.

27th January, 1898.

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R. A. A. JENKINS,
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N. FURDUNJI,
Vice-President, Bandra Municipality, and Police Authority.

2nd January, 1898.

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	3	Up	Hubli	18-12
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	65	Up	Bangalore	20-30
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	61	Up	Mysore	7-35
Between Hubli and Bellary	4	Down due to leave	Hubli	7-5
	3	Up	Bellary	9-7
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	65	Up	Bangalore	6-30

Note:—66 Down will be continued on to Nanjangud, leaving Mysore 14-50 and arriving Nanjangud 17-52, and a Local Passenger train will be run between Mysore and Seringapatam, leaving Mysore at 7-30, and on its return journey Seringapatam at 7-30.

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Sun rises, 6h, 8m. Sun sets, 5h. 51m. High water, 9 31m., 9.57p. Low water, 3-51m., 9-48a.
Byculla Club, Gymkhana meeting.
Royal Bombay Yacht Club races.
Bombay Volunteer Rifles, Commandant's parade.
Panic Sessions' New Law of Sedition, Framji Cowasji Institute, 5 p.m.
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TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 6h. 35m. Sun sets, 5h. 52m. High water, 3-48m., 8-24a. Low water, 10-38m., 11-09a.
Bombay Pozrandra meets at Samachwadi.
P. and O. Co.'s steamer Soodra (extra), due to arrive, afternoon.
Arya Samaj, Samaj Mandir Hall, 4-30 p.m.

THE PARSEE CYCLING CLUB.—Members with their friends meet on Sunday, at 6-45 a.m., at Sir R. Temple's Statue, and at Bombay Villard (Worlee), at 7 a.m., for a ride to Byramjee Hill, Bandora, and back.

THE BOMBAY HUNT.—Gentlemen sending horses on to Santa Cruz are informed that the should furnish syces with letters stating that they are proceeding to Santa Cruz. Particular instructions should be given to syces not to leave them in Bandora, but to proceed to Santa Cruz at once.

POSTAL NOTICES.—Mails for Singapore, China, and Japan, per steamer s.s. Lusimbo, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 3 p.m., to-day.—Mails for Colombo, the Straits, China, Japan, and Australia, per s.s. Bengal, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, the 2nd proximo.

OBITUARY.—The death occurred, on Tuesday, at the age of 67, of Mr. Anandrao Hathesandrajee Mirkar, founder of the "Dnyanodaya Samachar" paper, the first publication in the Dnyanodaya community. The proprietor and editor took special pains to create a media for newspaper reading in the Dnyanodaya community until it stamped hands. Mr. Anandrao was a quiet man of a generous mind. He leaves a son, Mr. Gunpadrao, employed in the Port Trust.

SACRILEGE AT GOA.—A correspondent writes:—On Saturday, January 22nd, at about 8 p.m., a band of about seventy robbers attacked the rion Hindu temple of goddess Sirree Saanta Durga, in Kavala Pande Mahal, and got to be more than 1,000 years old. The robbery of gold and silver ornaments amounted to more than Rs. 1,25,000. Several on the robbers were from the British territory. Some of them were Mahomedans and Ghauses, while others were Hindus, inhabitants of Goa.

ALLEGED CHEATING AND FRAUD.—Yesterday, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. W. Webb, Gunalal Mulchand was again charged with cheating Poonamia Hira and others by fraudulently procuring from him Rs. 2,300 on a silver bar, cleverly covered over with gold plate and weighing over one hundred and fifty tolas. The matter has already been reported in these columns. Mr. De Souza and Mr. Bhagwandas, pleaders, appeared for the complainant, and Mr. S. B. Spencer, Barrister-at-Law, for the accused. The Magistrate discharged the accused for want of satisfactory evidence.

MUSIC AT THE BYCULLA CLUB GYMKHANA.—The Band of the 21st Bombay Infantry, under the direction of Bandmaster A. Saldanha, will play the following programme at the Victoria Gardens, this evening, at 5-45 o'clock:—

March.....The Regiment Comrade.....Lehnhardt
Overture.....Charles VI .....Halevy
Selection.....The Ride of Cairo.....Pelle
Valse.....Immortelles .....Gung'l
Selection.....The Geisha .....Sidney Jones
Galop.....The Cyclist .....Kuplit

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

MUSIC AT THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—By permission of Major S. Gore-Browne and officers, the Band of the G. I. P. Railway Volunteers will play the following programme at the Victoria Gardens, this evening, at 5-45:—

March .....Egremont.....E Newton
Selection .....La Vie D'Opiome.....Auber
Gavotte .....Imperiale .....Faust
Valse .....Kedgwaine .....Gung'l
Selection .....A Gaiety Girl.....Jones
Polka.....Le Premier Pas .....C Coote

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

THE BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY CONCERT.—Certainly, with all the encouragement going on in Bombay, the above corps do not intend to be left behind. A Ladies' concert is to be held this evening, which is to be free to members and their friends. This is certainly a "go ahead corps," as the friends of the B.V.A. are many. The programme has been placed in the hands of Mr. Dufrees, and it certainly does him credit as he has arranged for a long list of notable Bombay talent. The musical arrangements are in the hands of Mr. F. Seymour Dave, and as a large audience is expected no seats will be reserved after 9 o'clock.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Bombay branch of the Y. W. C. A. was held in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A., on Thursday evening, under the presidency of Mrs. Maclennan. The report, which was read by Miss Wardlaw Mawsey, who has recently resigned the general secretaryship, showed that the membership of the association was about 500, and that the financial position was fairly good, although the subscriptions in most of the districts were less than in the previous year. The office-bearers for the current year were chosen as follows:—President, Mrs. Peel; treasurer, Mrs. Dick; secretary, *pro tem.*, Miss Hill, who is general secretary for India. Branch secretaries were also appointed. Mrs. Thoburn gave a stimulating address, and the meeting, which was of a social character and well attended, was rendered more interesting by the distribution of prizes in connection with the Bible Reading competitions. The meeting was closed by prayer offered by Miss Morris.

A THIEF FEIGNING MADNESS.—Yesterday, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. W. Webb, Inspector Barker charged Pudusinghia John Pereira *alias* Kadu-ingh David, a Singalese Christian, with theft in respect of one gold ring, valued at Rs. 40, belonging to Aga Mirza Ali Akbar, his master, who keeps a shop at China Bazaar. The accused stated that he was paid his salary when it became due, and he therefore stole the clothes. On being convicted he was sentenced to four months' rigorous imprisonment. The accused was then charged with having escaped from legal custody on the afternoon of the 24th instant whilst he was taken out to an out-house in the compound of the court to clean his teeth. This performance is to be replaced before the magistrate the accused feigned madness, and was sent to the police surgeon for examination. The surgeon found that the man was quite sane. The accused was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment for this offence.

THE GRAMAPHONE.—Messrs S. J. Tellery and Company, of Meadow Street, have been appointed sole agents for India for the Gramaphone Company, a London company of New York, who have patented a photograph of which the principal features are its simplicity, its working and its efficiency. By means of a needle or stylus the sound waves are traced as they have been etched upon a rubber disc, and vibrates a diaphragm and reproduces the sounds originally recorded. A spring motor, that winds up like a clock or musical box, revolves the disc which is operated upon a pivot. On a turn-table are placed, one after another, the various rubber discs bearing the record-grooves. A reproducing sound-box is provided with a diaphragm connected with a spring arm fixed to one side of the diaphragm-cell and carrying a point like that of a darning-needle. This point rests in the groove, which it follows as the turn-table is revolved, causing the arm to produce vibrations in the diaphragm corresponding exactly to those that had previously been made in the recording instrument; and thus the original sounds are reproduced. No electricity, no battery is required; no power outside the machine itself. The gramaphone seems to us to be one of the best talking machines that has been made; is cheap and simple, and it will be a decided boon to people in up-country stations who desire to have a public entertainment and have not the musical talent to ensure a good one as well as to private house-holders who wish for some new form of amusement for their dinner guests.

SUICIDE OF A FEVER-STRICKEN PATIENT AT THE PAREL HOSPITAL.—Mr. Allan F. Tierney, the coroner, held an inquiry, yesterday, at the Parel Government House Hospital, touching the death of Devy Hurry, a Hindu, aged thirty-five years, a patient detained under observation for fever in No. 4 ward of the hospital. From the evidence adduced it appears that the deceased was sent to the hospital by Dr. Bhatvadekar, Deputy Health Officer, on the 26th instant, from Delisle Road, for observation. On admission he was found suffering from simple fever and his temperature was 103°8, during the day his temperature rose to 102°6, and at 5 p.m. he was delirious and violent. On the following day his temperature was normal, and by evening fatal. Since then the temperature had fluctuated, and on the evening the 27th idem he was again delirious and very violent. A third-class hospital assistant in charge administered to him a sleeping draught, which had the desired effect and rendered deceased quiet. Another draught was given to him on the following morning. About an hour after, deceased asked the ward boy for water, and while the latter went to fetch it, the deceased jumped out of a window into the compound below, a distance of about thirty-five feet. The wardboy informed the hospital assistant of the occurrence, when the latter went in to the compound of the hospital and found deceased lying on the ground under one of the windows of his ward. He was dead. The vault of his skull was fractured, so also the right arm and the ankle on the right side. The wardboy stated that just as he was returning to the ward, he noticed the deceased in the act of jumping out of the window. A verdict of suicide during fever delirium was returned by the jury.

UNDELIVERED TELEGRAMS.

The following is a list of messages remaining undelivered in the Central Telegraph Office, Bombay, during the week ending 27th January:—

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THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.		No. of Attacks.	No. of Deaths from Bubonic Plague.	Total Deaths from all Causes.
A	Upper Colaba	0	0	18
	Mid. & Lower Colaba	1	0	
	Fort, Southern	0	0	
	Fort, Northern	18	7	
	Esplanade	0	0	
B	Mandvie	2	2	44
	Chunchi	3	0	
	Umarkhad	11	3	
	Dongri	20	2	
C	Market	23d	6	43
	Dhobi Talao	5	5	
	Panjrapole	8	2	
	Bhuleshwar	10	2	
	Khara Talao	7	2	
	Kumbharwada	15	3	
D	Khetwady	3	1	17
	Girgaum	6	0	
	Chowpatty	0	0	
	Walkeshwar	2	0	
	Mahaleo ki	1	0	
E	Mazagon	2	0	39
	Tarwady	0	1	
	Second Nagpada	1	0	
	Kamathipura	7	3	
	Tardeo	3	1	
	Byculla	5	4	
	First Nagpada	5	2	
F	Parel	26	0	9
	Sewri	0	0	
	Sion	0	0	
G	Mahim	1	0	5
	Worli	0	0	
	Water Division	0	0	0
	N.-E. & Unknown	1c	0	6
	HOSPITALS.			
	Parsee		6	
	Jain		4	
	Grant Road		19	
	Kapol & Lal Joint		2	
	Cutchi Memon		1	
	Adamjee Peerbhoy		1	
	Jain, Parel		3	
	Telegu		2	
	Bipon Road		2	
	Hindu		6	
	Imambara Mogal		1	
	Arthur Road		12	
	Govt. House Parel		3	
	Nisampara		3	
	Mudyanna		3	97
	Port Trust		1	
	Maratha		4	
	Kuiss Mohola		0	
	Mardwadi		0	
	Bnatia		5	
	J J Hospital		1	
	Chikarpet & Mutani		1	
	Gomalwadi, Tejpal		0	
	Cama		0	
	Bai Motabai		0	
	Halai Memon		1	
	Bhoiwada		0	
	Total	182	131	957
Total plague deaths to date		16,777	14,344	
Same date last year		83	67	21
Total mortality same date		1898.	...	18

a One from Lossigaum by rail, and one from Secundrabad by Rail.
b One Poona by rail.
c One from Kalyan by road.

CHOLERA.

Attack	1
Deaths	0

TWO SONS OF SUPERINTENDENT BREWIN ATTACKED.

On Thursday afternoon Master Thomas Brewin, a boy of twelve, son of the Police Superintendent Brewin, was found suffering from high fever, which subsequently developed into bubonic plague. He was removed to the European General Hospital for treatment. A few hours after, Mr. Hope Brewin, proprietor of the Leopold Company, and elder brother of the boy, was attacked with fever, and he was removed to the same hospital. Both patients have been living with their father in the large and airy detached police bungalow opposite the Victoria Terminus.

INOCULATION.

Daily report of persons inoculated with Prof. Haffkine's prophylactic lymph in the "Khosro Lodge" bungalow, at Nesbit Lane, Mazagon:—Persons inoculated yesterday—Khojas 68; and other races 33. Total to date—Khojas 3,297, of whom 292 were inoculated twice; and Hindus 923. Grand total 4,226.

HOSPITAL RETURNS.

There were, yesterday, seventy-two deaths recorded in the various Plague Hospitals, and 803 patients remaining in them under treatment.

SEGREGATION CAMPS.

There were, yesterday, 330 persons detained under observation in the Modikhana Camp, and 312 in the Wari Bunder Camp.

INFLUX AND EXODUS.

During the twenty-four hours ending 6 a.m., yesterday, the number of persons who left Bombay and entered the city by sea and land was as follows:—Arrivals by sea 284, and by land through Mahim and Sion Causeways 2,085, making a total of 2,373 persons. Departures by sea 1,179, and by land through Mahim and Sion Causeways 2,118, making a total of 3,297 persons.

INOCULATION AT DAMAUN.

Wednesday was the sixth day of inoculations, and during the whole of the day only 78 persons offered themselves for inoculation, of whom 75 were Hindus. Of this number, 75 (31 males, 15 females, and 29 children) were Hindus, 2 Christians, and one Mahomedan child. It is on the cards that the large numr or of Mohomedans under the plea of its being Ramzan month and most of the Christians of Upper Damaun were as yet refrained from taking advantage of the boon.

NATIVE GENEROSITY AT AHMEDABAD.

Sheth Manaukbhai Bhagubhai, a well-known sheth, has sent fifteen cooks, four hundred brass pots, four hundred sheets, and one thousand rupees to the Plague Camp at Anand for the purpose of relieving the wants of persons detained there.—The Behaviour Jeejeebhoy Merwanjee has given the Government as the students who have finished the necessary course have been sent to several places in connection with the plague operations.—Mr. Damodardas Tolat, who was employed in the Gujerat Spinning and Manufaseuring Co.'s Mill, having died, the members of the Industrial Club, of which he was a member, have sent a letter of condolence to his son and have resolved to put his portrait in the club building.—A young man out of five persons that came here from Bombay having been attacked with plague in the Quarantine Camp has been removed to the Plague Hospital.

BOMBAY RIFLE CLUB.

The annual distribution of prizes and dance in connection with the Bombay Rifle Club came off last night at the Bombay Volunteer Rifles Headquarters, Esplanade Cross Road. There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen, and thanks to the efforts of Sergeant-Major Downing and Captain F. W. English, the honorary secretaries, the functions were most successful. Mrs. T. M. English distributed the prizes. The following is a list of the prizes:—

MATCH I—MONSOON AGGREGATE.

	Score.	Rs.
A-B Seaman W Speed, Royal Navy	307	40.
Sergt-Major J H Downing, Bo Vol Rifles	296	30
1st Class P O M Hopkins, Royal Navy	291	25.
Lieut H J Sharp, Bo Vol Rifles	290	15
C P officer G Williams, Royal Navy	279	10
Sergt-Major J H P Fly Vols	278	10
Lce-Sergt W Walmsley, Bo Vol Rifles	255	10
Sergt A W Scott, Ord Dept	255	10
Lce-Corpl H Row, Bo Vol Rifles	250	10
Ch-Sergt J E Keens, Bo Vol rifles	247	5
Sergt A W Scott, Ord Dept	242	5
Capt F W English, Bo Vol Rifles	239	5
1st Class P O W Hill, Royal Navy	239	5
Gunner R G Campbell, Bo Vol Artillery	237	5
Sergt W Quinton, Ord Dept	233	5
Vol J M Mason, B B & C I Vols	227	5
Gunner W J Harris, Royal Navy	225	5
Gunner J W Kitson, Bo Vol Artillery	197	5
Vol F H English, B V I Rifles	193	5
Ch-Sergt H Blake, Bo Vol Rifles	179	5

a Sniper medal. 4th gold centre.
A Rifle Club silver medal.
B Rifle Club bronze medal.

Match II, 200, 500 and 600 yards—Sergeant-Major J. Downing, Bo: Vol: Rifles, 74 points—A cup value Rs. 30 presented by Messrs Lund and Blockley.

Match III.—300, 700 and 800 yards—Able Body Seaman W. Speed, Royal Navy, 81 points—A prize, value Rs. 25, presented by Sergt-Major J. H. Downing.

Match IV.—Bunder Challenge Cup.—200, 500, and 600 yards—Lieut. and Adjutant W. D. Hill, Royal Navy, 74 points, holder of the cup and winner of the Bo: Rifles Club silver medal.

Match V.—Possible Scores—500 yards—1st class petty officer M. Joplin Royal Navy, Bo: Rifle Club silver medal; 500 yards—Lce-Sergt. W. Walmsley Bo: Vol: Rifles, Bo: Rifle Club Silver Medal; 700 yards—Captain F. W. English Bo: Vol: Rifles, Bo: Rifle Club silver medal.

SILVER SPOON WINNERS.

	Spoons won.
Sergt Major J H Downing, Bo Vol Rifles	9
Lieut D J Sharp, Bo Vol rifles	6
Capt F W English, Bo Vol Rifles	6
1st class P O M Joplin, Royal Navy	6
1st Class P O W Hill, Royal Navy	6
Sergt W Fly, G I P Fly Vols	4
C P Officer G Williams, Royal Navy	3
A B seaman W Speed, Royal Navy	3
Sergt G Gabbett, Ord Dept	3
Sergt A W Scott, Ord Dept	3
Lce-Sergt W Walmsley, Bo Vol Rifles	3
Ch-Sergt J E Keens, Bo Vol Rifles	3
Sergt W Quinton, Ord Dept	3
Lce-Corpl A J Herbert, G I P Fly Vols	3
Gunner R G Campbell, B Ves Artillery	3
Vol J M Mason, B Band C I Fly Vols	3
Capt A Payne V C French, Bast Glam Vol Rifles	2
Gunner J R Edwards, Royal Navy	2
Gunner W J Harris, Royal Navy	2
Sergt Instr H Wells, Bo Vol Rifles	2
Cr Sergt R Black, Bo Vol Rifles	2
Corpl J J Ferguson, Bo Vol Rifles	2
Lce-Corpl H Row, Bo Vol Rifles	2
C P Officer A Wester, Royal Navy	1
Cr Sergt K W Thomas, Bo Vol Rifles	1
Lce Corpl A G Bayliss, Bo Vol Rifles	1
1st Corpl W Jackson, B B and C I Fly Vols	1
V J F O Ts, G I P Fly Vols	1
Vol P H Engil h, Bo Vol Rifles	1
Vol F Haines-Scott, Bo Vol Rifles	1

After the distribution of prizes dancing commenced and was kept up till the small hours of the morning.

HIGH COURT.—ORIGINAL SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE FULTON.)

BROKERAGE FOR SALE OF AGENCY COMMISSION.

WILLIAM B. STOKES VS. SUNDERNATH DINANATH KHOTE AND ANOTHER.

THE plaintiff in the case sued to recover brokerage on the sale of a certain agency commission belonging to the defendants. It appears that on 29th December, 1894, the defendants wrote to Mr. Stokes, asking him to find a purchaser, and said as follows:—"As regards your bonus or brokerage it would be much better if you made your demand which, if deemed reasonable, I shall accept." Some reply is stated to have been written, but the defendants' papers are missing, and the plaintiff has no copy, and it is evident from the terms of the next letter that the amount of the brokerage was proposed in conversation. On the 3rd January the defendants sent a letter to the plaintiff, in which they wrote as follows:—"We, Messrs. Khote & Co., on behalf of our share in the agency commission of the New Dholera Cotton Press and Spinning Co., Ld., we agree to let you have as bonus for brokerage the sum of Rs. 1,500 only if you succeed in selling the said shares in the commission for shares of the value of Rs. 42,000 of the said company at par value. If not you may sell at six annas share in the said commission for shares of the said company of the value of Rs. 12,000 at par value, for which we shall be glad to let you have Rs. 750 for your trouble. It is understood that the brokerage will be paid on receipt by us of the money, and that this transaction is to be completed within a fortnight from date." Subsequently terms were arranged with one Pestonjee Patell, who stipulated for four or five months for payment. In his letter of the 15th January. On the 21st January Pestonjee signed a "bought note" for 74 shares for which payment was to be made on or before four of five months at his option. A "sold note" in similar terms was presented to the defendants but was not signed owing to the necessity of consulting certain directors. On 30th January the defendants wrote to one who Pestonjee Jr. Patell and dictated a letter on the same day the plaintiff wrote to say that the "others" were Pestonjee's brother Jamsetjee. On 31st February the defendants agreed to sell on the following conditions to Messrs. Pestonjee and Jamsetjee:—"1. That they were to get a ten annas share in the agency commission of the company on their taking up 74 shares of the aforesaid company of Rs. 500 each at par value, their Mr. Ratilal retail to act who Pestonjee Jr. Patell and dictated a letter and

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SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
9 a.m.—Holy Communion (Choral). Missa Celestis.—Hymns Introit 2, 82 and 311. Part 2 and 121.
5 p.m.—Children's service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon by the Rev. C. M. Barham—Hymns 220 and 218.
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. Garrett in F.
Anthem—The Radiant Morn.
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Daily Matins at 6-45 a.m., and Evensong at 4-45 p.m.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-45 a.m.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins and Holy Communion.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,
(Colaba Afghan Memorial Church.)
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.—Hymns 220, 271 and 180.
11 a.m.—Matins and Litany (Parade Service).—Hymns 222 and 175.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.—Hymns 87, 285 and 370.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(Wandby Road, Esplanade).
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
6 p.m.—Evening Service.—Hymns 353, 97 and 22.
7 p.m.—Children's service.
11 a.m.—Joint Service in St. Andrew's Church.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.

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9-45 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Sermon by Rev. I. F. Row. Evening Sermon on "The Great Eclipse."
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.

GRANT ROAD CHURCH—Rev. W. H. Stephens.
7-30 a.m.—Class Meeting.
9-45 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Sermons.
Wednesday, 6 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.

MAZAGON CHURCH—Ward Bunder.
6 p.m.—Sermon.

SEAMEN'S REST—Frere Road.
7-30 p.m.—Service by Rev. F. Wood.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

7 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer Litany and Sermon by Rev. W. G. Peel.—Hymn 78, 48 and 82.
4-30 p.m.—Children's service.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon by Rev. W. H. Dixon.—Hymns 87, 53 and 85.

ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH.

7 a.m.—Matins.
7-30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
6-30 p.m.—Solemn Evensong Sermon and Procession.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON,

6 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Choral), Preacher, Rev. Father Gardiner.
10 a.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong (Choral), Preacher, Rev. Father Hiscoe. Alms for General expenses.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Choral)—Hymns 237, 220 and 242.
4-45 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon by Rev. S. Seigh-Layr.—Hymns 282, 225 and 274.

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Incumbent.—Rev. C. Gilder.
8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion and Sermon.—Hymns 6, 261 and 318.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.—Hymns 169, 270 and 245.
The offertories for Church expenses and poor relief.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

11 a.m.—Morning Service.—Hymns 134, Ps. 36, Verse 5-10, Hymns 222 and 110.
6 p.m.—Evening Service.—Hymns 231, 192, 417 and 220.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PAREL.
(Madras time.)

8-30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.—Hymns 241 and 315.
5-30 p.m.—Children's Service.
6-30 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon—Hymns 224, 240 and 274.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.
(Colaba Causeway).
8 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Rev. G. C. Walker.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
(Byculla, Victoria Gardens).
9-30 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Mr. F. R. Atkins.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, BANDORA.
10-45 a.m.—Matins, Holy Communion and Sermon.

BAPTIST CHURCH, BELASSIS ROAD.
(Opposite Byculla Club.)
8 a.m.—Service.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School with Bible Classes.
6 p.m.—Service, conducted by Mr. James Morris, Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 28.

WITHIN the last few days there has been an improved demand for Cotton in both directions, but more particularly from local consumers, and the amount of business transacted has been larger than for many weeks past. The general condition of trade, however, remains unsatisfactory, both local influences, with the increased prevalence of the pestilence, and the state of the markets on the other side being inimical to anything like a renewal of activity at present or in the near future. The course of Exchange, though affected in a downward direction on some days to the extent of 1-8d., chiefly by the operations has otherwise been steady, and rates left off this evening 1-32d. lower for both classes of Paper than they ruled a week ago. Money is in good demand and is still scarce. 3 1-2 per cent. Government Paper has been weak and inanimate ; but rates, upon the whole, have advanced 1-4 per cent. Freights have been quiet and weak for ready business at lower quotations, a feature of the market being the absence of enquiry for forward tonnage. There has been a considerable diminution in the volume of business passing in Imports owing to the want of confidence induced by local circumstances, including the dearness of Money.

Money continued in active request to the end of last week with rates of discount unaltered at the Presidency Bank and in the open market, though with a rather less stringent feeling ; and the figures given in the Bank Statement of Affairs issued on Monday showed but little movement in the usual figures for the five days (Saturday having been a public holiday) covered by the Return. There had been withdrawals from Private Deposits to the amount of some 9 3-4 lakhs ; but, on the other hand, Loans and Bills Discounted had sensibly decreased, making the net falling off in trade requirements under 1 1-4 lakh, compared with a decrease of 51 lakhs in the week preceding. In Government Deposits at the Bank's head office and branches there had been an increase in the aggregate of 5 1-2 lakhs, which accounted for the addition of about the same amount to the Cash Balance, in which the increase shown in the previous Return was 27 3-4 lakhs.

Meantime Money has continued in good demand and scarce ; but no further change in rates of discount at the Presidency Bank or in the open market, our closing quotations this evening being 12 and 13 per cent., respectively.

EXCHANGE re-opened on Monday after the holiday on Saturday with a steady feeling at 1s. 4d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, at 1s. 4 1-16d. for three months' sight Credits. A fair amount of the latter was reported placed ; but for Bank Paper there was very little enquiry. Quiet in tone on Tuesday, the market opened at 1s. 3 31-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 3 3-16 to 5-32d. for three months' sight Credits, which accounted for the addition of about the same amount to the Cash Balance, in which the increase shown in the previous Return was 27 3-4 lakhs.

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Bank Bills on Demand	1s. 3 31-32 d.	per rupee.
" Telegraphic	1s. 3 31-32 d.	"
" 4 mos' sights	1s. 4 1-32 d.	"
Credits 3 do	1s. 4 3-16 d.	"
Do. 6 do	1s. 4 9-32 d.	"
Documents 3 do	1s. 4 7-32 d.	"
Do. 6 do	1s. 4 5-16 d.	"
Francs 3 do	170 1-4	"
Do 6 do	171 1-4	"

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—Business in this market was practically at a standstill on Monday, and the quotations for 3 1-2 per Cents of 95 1-4 for Money and 95 13-16 for Account were merely nominal. On Tuesday the market manifested somewhat more animation, but higher rates were quoted for 3 1-2 per cent Cash viz. 95 1-2 for Cash and 96 for the February Account. The feeling in the market continued very quiet on Wednesday, with little business passing to fix quotations, which, however, were given at 95 13-16 for Money, and 95 15-16 for Account, for 3 1-2 per Cents ; for 3 Per Cents nominal, was named. Yesterday rates opened at 95 5-16 for Cash and 95 3-8 for the Settlement, for 3 1-2 per Cents in a quiet market, and closed at the same level. Threes were nominal. To-day there has been rather more doing ; but the tone of the market remained as some advance on yesterday's quotations, our closing rates this evening being 95 13-16 both for Money and Account, with Threes 88 nominal.

Municipal 5 per cent. Loan is 3 per cent. higher at 119. Port Trust Bonds are unchanged at 104.

SHARES have been quiet and neglected, with few changes reported in prices. Where showing any movement, quotations indicate a tendency to decline. We note from our revised list a decline of Rs. 25 cash, in China and Empress ; of Rs. 10 each, in Alliance, David, Jewraj Balloo, and Empress ; and an advance of Rs. 10 in Queen Jiand of Rs. 5 in Lakhmidas. In Miscellaneous shares Bombay Flour, are Rs. 100 lower ; Marcks and Co., Rs. 5 ; and Kemp and Co. and Phillips and Co., Rs. 4 each ; while on the other hand, Telephone, have advanced Rs. 17. In Banks, Bank of Bombay, have advanced Rs. 10.

IMPORTS.

PIECE-GOODS.—There has been a considerable decrease in the amount of business passing in staple Grey Goods during the past week, chiefly owing to the want of confidence between merchants and buyers. The Money market is also very tight, and it is difficult to raise money in the Shroff Bazaar at 12 per cent. per annum, the money-lenders having mostly left Bombay on account of the pestilence, leaving their clerks in charge. In Bleached, Dyed, Turkey-Red, and Printed Goods, only a small amount of business has transpired, and at weakening rates. The Clearances from the Bazaar for the week are estimated at about 2,500 packages of Imported Goods ; and 1,000 locally made, the demand for which has been very poor, at Monday's rates.

YARNS.—There has been but a very limited demand for Imported Twist ; but prices are nominally unchanged. Sales of Local Spinnings in China for the last fortnight have been about 1,000 bales, with a small advance in rates. Demand here is very good, about 9,000 bales having changed hands during the week, the market closing quiet, at the following official quotations :—

Twist	No.		As.			per lb.
"	10s	"	4	3 7-8	to 4 1-2	"
"	12s	"	4	4	4 3-4	"
"	16s	"	4	4 1-4	5	"
"	20s	"	4	4 5-16	5 1-2	"
"	24s	"	4	4 1-8	5 3-4	"
"	28s	"	4	4 3-8	5 3-4	"
"	32s	"	4	4 1-2	7	"
"	40s	"	4	7 1-4	9	"

We give below our usual annual Statement of the shipments of Local Spinnings from this port to China and Japan compared with those for the previous 20 years, from which it will be noticed that the missions during the year just closed were considerably smaller than those in 1896 to both consuming countries.

Exports of country-made Yarns from Bombay to China and Japan from the year 1877 to 1897 :—

Period	To China Bales of 400lbs each.	To Japan Bales of 400lbs each.	Total Bales
From 1st Jan to 31st Dec 1877	27,816	12	28,658
Do 1878	45,933	1,745	47,678
Do 1879	43,330	1,242	50,572
Do 1880	63,194	4,227	67,721
Do 1881	61,783	7,378	69,161
Do 1882	81,434	9,951	91,386
Do 1883	94,982	17,421	112,403
Do 1884	127,318	13,816	141,134
Do 1885	154,517	18,820	177,337
Do 1886	199,407	20,541	219,948
Do 1887	195,159	31,730	244,889
Do 1888	234,071	32,697	266,768
Do 1889	254,057	62,626	316,617
Do 1890	225,460	37,772	263,232
Do 1891	283,038	10,339	275,377
Do 1892	385,771	21,445	407,216
Do 1893	297,372	14,198	311,770
Do 1894	338,703	10,741	349,446
Do 1895	374,119	2,515	376,634
Do 1896	471,023	2,467	473,490
Do 1897	331,221	645	331,866

METALS.—This market is again becoming deserted to a good extent owing to the pestilence scare ; and very little business has transpired during the past week. Brazier's Copper and Yellow Metal are unchanged in value at Rs. 45 and Rs. 37 per cwt. respectively. Iron is quoted at Rs. 34 for Staffordshire Bars, and Rs. 53 per candy for Swedish.

COALS.—There have been some resales reported of Powell's Duffryn for January, January-February, February-March shipments, from Rs. 17 3-4 to Rs. 18 per ton ; and Davison's West Hartley, for same shipments, has changed hands at Rs. 16 per ton. Wilson's South Yorkshire was sold at Rs. 16 per ton. In Bengal descriptions no business of any importance has passed. We quote, alongside :—

	Ready.	Forward.
Welsh Hartley	Nil	Nil
West "	Nil	Rs. 19 per ton.
Australian	Nil	Nil
Powell's	Rs. 19 1-2 per ton to	Rs. 18 "
Cardiff	Nil	" 18 "
Japan	Nil	Nil
Bengal	Rs. 13 1-2 per ton.	Rs. 13 "
Singareni	Nil	Nil
Seebpore	" 13 1-2 "	" 13 "
Sanctoria	Nil	Nil
Deshagur	" 14 "	" 13 1-2 "

EXPORTS.

COTTON was quiet in tone here in the earlier part of the week under notice ; and only a small amount of business was reported in both directions ; but lately the feeling has become steady to firm and considerable transactions in ready new Cotton of the various Comrawattee growths now coming to market, and Bengal, have been reported at slightly enhanced prices. The Mills have been by far the larger buyers, their purchases up to yesterday evening summing up 6,800 bales ; but Exporters have also increased their takings which aggregated 4,200 bales in the same time. To-day a considerable business has again been reported, shippers having taken 2,200 bales, and the Mills 1,500, the market closing firm this evening, but without any change in prices.

The Receipts of Cotton of the new crop into Bombay during the past week have been 43,000 bales, compared with 46,500 bales to hand in the week preceding, and 44,000 bales in the corresponding week last year, the total falling off in this season's arrivals of new Cotton compared with those of last year, for the same period being now 112,000 bales.

There has been but little to notice in the telegraphic weather and crop reports to hand from the districts this week, previous advices regarding Cotton having been repeated, but yesterday's messages stated that the picking of the Broach crop had commenced ; and that arrivals were expected early in the Wadhwan district of the Dholleru circle.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton with the equivalents in sterling, cost, and freight to Liverpool, via Canal, without commission, viz. :—

	Per Candy.	Per lb.
		₹. & F.
Bengal, Fine	Rs.	141-3-32 d.
Do. Fully Good	"	132-2 29-32 d.
Do. Good	"	126-2 25-32 d.
Bolatee, Fine	"	148-3 3-32 d.
Do. Fully Good	"	148-2 29-32 d.
Khandeish, Fully Good	"	137-2 31-32 d.
Comra, Fully Good	"	133-3 1-32 d.
Dholleru, Fine	"	Nil.
Do. do. April-May	"	165-3 15-32 d.
Do. Fully Good	"	Nil.
Do. do. April-May	"	153-3 5-16 d.
Do. Good	"	Nil.
Do. do. May	"	151-3 29-32 d.
Oomrawattee Fine	"	Nil.
Do. do. May	"	165-3 13-32 d.
Westerns Good	"	Nil.
Do. do. May	"	151-3 5-16 d.
Broach, Fine	"	Nil.
Do. do. March	"	172-3 17-32 d.
Do. Good	"	Nil.

The Arrivals of New Crop Cotton into Bombay this season, as compared with last, are as follows :—

	Season, 1897-98. F. P. Bales.	Season, 1896-97. F. P. Bales.
Bengals	50,500	127,000
Berar	94,000	130,100
Khandeish	104,000	108,000
Barsee and Nuggur	14,000	15,000
Hingunghat	3,500	7,000
Persian and Sind	9,000	1,000
Broach	...	9,000
	280,000	392,000

The movements of Cotton to date show the following comparison with the previous two years :—

	Receipts.	1897.	1896.
	As 5 Bales.	Bales	Bales.
For the week	44,927	46,034	64,736
From 1st to 27th Jan.	165,645	157,274	235,918
Clearances to Great Britain			
For the week	3,515	5,548	29,559
From 1st to 27th Jan.	19,999	28,413	87,761
Clearances to China, Japan, Calcutta, &c.			
For the week	501	11,014	1,367
From 1st to 27th Jan.	11,201	44,761	4,301

WHEAT and SEEDS.—In the absence of supplies of such descriptions and the general lack of demand from shippers, these markets remain in a very quiet position, and prices, when not nominal, are generally unchanged, say :—

Gingelly, White	Rs.	7 7	0 per cwt.
Do. Mixed	"	6 13	0 "
Linseed (bold)	"	6 3	0 "
Do. Small	"	6 1	0 "
Rapeseed, Gujerat Yellow	"	6 12	0 "
Do. Brown Dehli	"	6 0	0 "
Do. Yellow Cawnpore	"	6 6	0 "

The comparative Imports of Wheat and Seeds are as follows :—

	1898. Cwts.	1897. Cwts.	1896. Cwts.
Wheat for the week	14,715	6,138	73,252
Do. from 1st January to 27th Jan.	107,918	20 824	267,212
Linseed for the week	23,700	4,734	15,775
Do. from 1st January to 27th Jan.	74,705	15,816	49,242
Rapeseed for the week	4,499	1,109	6,382
Do. from 1st January to 27th Jan.	83,112	35,107	123,893
Gingellyseed for the week	73,352	39,919	63,714
Do. from 1st January to 27th Jan.	214,716	61,435	187,440

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE s s Inchida 1,893 tons Captain W Halil well sailed yesterday for Diamond Island in ballast.

THE Bombay Japan Line s s Izumi Maru, 1,999 Tons, Captain R Nunome, sailed yesterday for Kobe via Yokohama and Hongkong, with a general cargo and Mr. G Rand and Mr Abdul Hoosein as passengers.

THE B I S N Co's s s Dwarka, 750 tons Captain J C Tice sailed yesterday for Karachi with a general cargo and the following passengers Miss Head Mrs Macdian, Mr F Ellis, and Mr Mrs Degroter Mr C H Allen and child.

THE B I S N Co's s s Canara 1,216 tons Captain E Stabb will sail to-day for Zanzibar etc, via Aden with a general cargo and the following passengers Major T K E Johnston, Major and Mrs E D H Buckley and 2 children, school master T P Byrne one European Maid and 50 Deck.

THE B I S N Co's s s Khandalla, 1,318 tons Captain T M White head which arrived in harbour on Thursday evening from the Persian gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo and the following passengers Mr Louis P Russell Mr Joyce Mr Dharwar Mr Mosaad, M r A B Pishoke Mr B Luddas and 26 Deck.

ARRIVAL.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
28	Caledonia s.s.	Andrews	Marseilles, Jan. 13.

DEPARTURES.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
28	Izumi Maru s.s.	Nonome	Kobe, &c.
	Dwarka s.s.	Tice	Karachi.
	Inchida s.s.	Halliwell	Dimond Island.

The steamer Canara, Captain Stabb, obtained her port clearance yesterday for Zanzibar, &c.

The following vessels cleared for loading yesterday :—
Steamer Caledonia, for Marseilles.
" Laudaura, for Calcutta, &c.
" Khandalla, for Persian Gulf and Karachi.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—JANUARY 27.

Johnston, Major, Punjab, R A, on duty, from Umballa.
Arthur, Lt. Bo, 2nd Rs Lancers, on transfer, from Poona
Buckley, Major, Punjab, R A, on duty, from Feerozpore
JANUARY 28.
Phillips, Lt-Col, Bo, 19th R L, from mc, from England
Barrett, Lt. Punjab, 38th rusers, from leave, from England
Hall, Major, Bengal, 2-2nd Gurkhas, to rejoin, from England
King, Major, R Bo, 1st Lancers, on leave, from Mattra
Cole, 2nd Lt, Punjab, 3rd P. Cavy, from leave, from England
Morton, Capt, Punjab, R E, from furlough, from England
Brownlow, Major, Punjab, 4th F L, from leave, from England
MacEwen, Capt, Punjab, 6th Lancers, from leave, from Eng.
DEPARTURES.—JANUARY 27.
Donald, Major, Bo, R Fus, on duty, to Mhow.
JANUARY 28.
Griffith, Lt. Bo, R E, on leave, to Ranikhet
Arthur, Lt. Bo, 7th B Lancers, on transfer, to Karachi
Buckley, Major, Punjab, R A, on duty, to Aden
Hall, Maj, Bengal, 2-2nd Gurkhas, to rejoin, to Fort Lockhart

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.
SQUADRON

TELEGRAMS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

THE TSAR AND THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, JAN. 27.

It is reported that H. I. M. the Tsar, at a private gathering of officers, said that events in the Far East had weighed heavily on his mind, and especially in regard to the difficulties with Japan, but that, thank God, all had cleared now.

THE COALING OF PRINCE HENRY'S SHIPS.

It has transpired that the Gefion returned to Perim to fetch colliers to recoal the German flagship Deutschland.

THE MURDER AT KIAOCHAU CONFIRMED.

The murder of a German sailor while on outpost duty at Kiaochau has been confirmed officially.

OBITUARY.

The death is announced of General Francis Mobserly.

THE MAILS.

SUEZ, JAN. 28.

The P. and O. Company's s.s. Victoria, with the outward mails of the 21st instant, left here, at 4 a.m., to-day.

MILITARY NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 28.

The Government of India have sanctioned the amalgamation of the Bellary Volunteer Rifles with the Southern Mahratta Railway Volunteer Corps; also the retention of the services of the first-class Sergeant Instructor at present attached to the former corps.

The grant of Presidency house-rent has been sanctioned by the Government to officers of the Army Medical Staff serving at Colaba in cases where their transfer service there is prolonged beyond six months.

The Military Works estimates for converting the present Master Gunners' quarters at Malabar Point, Bombay, into quarters for District Gunners, and providing fresh quarters at Cumballa Hill for Master Gunners and Artillery Artificer Sergeant have been sanctioned by Government.

Orders issued some time since for the detention of time-expired men and reservists with the corps serving on the frontier have now been cancelled by the Government of India, the Commander-in-Chief having expressed the opinion that the men in question are no longer required.

In view of the difficulty of withdrawing men from Regiments in the Punjab Command to relieve the Sikhs Contingent now serving in British Central Africa until the frontier operations are over, it has been arranged for the troops already in Africa to extend their service for another six months, thereby obviating the necessity of sending more men to replace them at present.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S AGENT IN BALUCHISTAN.

Colonel Wylie, Resident, Nepal, is gazetted to officiate as Governor-General's Agent in Baluchistan during the absence on furlough of Mr. Barnes.

CROP PROSPECTS.

SCARCITY AT MADRAS.

This week's crop reports record little change in the general agricultural position. They only bring information up to the 20th instant, however, since which date certain amount of much-needed rain has fallen in Northern India.

In Madras no improvement has taken place, and prices of food are at scarcity rates in eight districts; an increase also of four thousand being reported in the numbers of people on relief-works.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

Foreign Department—It is notified that Mr. Max Biermann has resumed charge of the German Consulship at Bombay.

Finance and Commerce—All Military saddlery forming part of an officer's equipment and imported by himself is exempted from Customs duty.

Revenue and Agricultural Department—Mr. J. B. Fuller acts as Secretary, Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, during the absence of Mr. Ibbetson, who proceeds on three months' leave next month. Mr. Sly, Deputy Secretary, same department, also goes on furlough, in February, Mr. Machonochie officiating.

Home Department.—Consequent on the death of Mr. Heath, District Superintendent of Police, Hyderabad Assigned Districts, Messrs. Fraser, Gallaway, Crawford, Sewell, Macgill, Coode, Wright, and Sreenivasnahi each receive a step of promotion.

Public Works Department—The use of locomotives is sanctioned on the Hurdwar Dera Railway.

Superintending Engineer Gilchrist is granted one year's extension of leave.

Mr. Sherlock Hubbard, Examiner of Accounts, six months' extension of leave.

Mr. King, Superintending Engineer, North-West Provinces, retires from the 20th instant.

TRAGIC END OF TWO LOVERS.

A SIKH NAIK SHOOTS HIS SWEETHEART AND HIMSELF.

LAHORE, JAN. 28.

At Amritsar, on Wednesday, a Sikh Naik of the 23rd Pioneers, obtaining his rifle from the Guard-room, shot his sweetheart through the heart, afterwards committing suicide himself. The girl was sitting in her bed, and was lying on a bedding spread on the polo ground, immediately behind the regimental lines. After shooting the girl, the Naik laid down beside her, and putting the rifle against his breast, pulled the trigger with his toe, sending the bullet through the head.

It is supposed the girl acquiesced in the act, preferring death at the hands of her lover to returning to her own people after her escapade.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

POONA, JAN. 28.

Bombay Sappers and Miners—Lieutenant Corry, Royal Engineers, attached, to be Company Officer, vice Lieutenant Tonge, Royal Engineers, deceased (dated 29th December 1897).

Lieutenant Heyland, 4th Bombay Cavalry, has passed the examination laid down in para. 12, O. G. Army Regulations.

Under instructions received from the War Office, it is notified that Lieutenant Bellhouse has been struck off the strength of 5 Battery Royal Horse Artillery.

When submitting the names of Native gentlemen for direct commissions in Bombay regiments, the Commanding Officers are requested to enter in the proper columns on pages 2 and 3 of the promotion rolls full particulars regarding age, length of service, caste, pronunciation, and reasons for passing over their senior non-commissioned officers who would be superseded in the event of the proposed appointment being sanctioned.

The undermentioned officer is granted leave to proceed out of India, on medical certificate, under the leave rules for the Staff Corps, the leave to have effect in India from the date of being struck off duty till the date of sailing, the specified period to count from the date of leaving India:—Lieutenant Bell, Staff Corps, Wing Officer, Meywar Bhil Corps, for nine months (pension service eleventh year commenced 4th May 1897).

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence:—Captain Cahusac, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Bombay District, Staff Corps, one year, on medical certificate, out of India; Lieutenant Weekes, Royal Engineers, Military Works Department, 6 months, medical certificate, out of India; Captain Walker, Superintendent, Small Arms Ammunition Factory, Kirkee, R.A., 8 months, on private affairs, out of India; Lieutenant Montresor, 1st Field Battery, Royal Artillery, 9 months, private affairs; Second Lieutenant Pinhey, Shropshire L. I. (1st Battalion), 9 months, on private affairs, out of India; and Second Lieutenant Buist, Highland L. I. (2nd Battalion), 6 months, on medical certificate, out of India.

THE PESTILENCE IN POONA.

To-day's returns show 10 cases and 5 deaths in the City; 2 cases and one death for the Cantonment; and 2 cases and one death in the District.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

ADEN, JAN. 27.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Rewa left here this morning.

SUEZ, JAN. 27.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Cameron from Galveston, Madras, and Colombo, arrived here this afternoon.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 27.

The Hall Line steamer Brancksome Hall arrived here this afternoon.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

THURSDAY NIGHT.—JANUARY 27.

9 p.m. ..... 74·3

FRIDAY.—JANUARY 28.

5 a.m.	70·2
10 a.m.	79·3
1 p.m.	82·4
4 p.m.	82·4

THE TIRAH EXPEDITION.

RAIDERS NEAR CAMP.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 28.

A Peshawar telegram of the 28th runs:—A party of Gurkhas outside General Westmacott's camp, on the night of the 26th, was fired into by about twenty raiders. The Gurkhas returned the fire, hitting three of the enemy, and then charged, capturing the body of one man, who was found to have been killed.

No casualties occurred amongst the Gurkhas.

THE BATTLE AT SARAGHERI.

TABLET IN MEMORY OF THE SIKH DETACHMENT.

As the Saragheri Post on the Samana is unlikely to be rebuilt, it is proposed to have the place where it stood marked by a tablet, set in a masonry pillar, in memory of the detachment of the 36th Sikhs who fell in its defence.

THE KURRAM MOVEABLE COLUMN.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

CAMP THULL, JAN. 23.

For the last month we have had a very easy time in the Kurram Valley, very little to do beyond making preparations for the breaking up of the column with plenty of spare time for sport, which has been very fair and varied occupation having been found for gun, rod and spear. Some adventurous spirits have tried their luck after ooreal but not altogether with success. Since last writing the 6th P. W. O. Bengal Cavalry and Kapurthala Imperial Service Infantry have returned to India. The troops have been withdrawn from Sadda Camp, Kuchi, and Alizai, leaving only 50 of the 1-5th Gurkhas from the Parachinar Garrison at Sadda post near the mouth of the Khurmana defile, and concentration of shores, hospitals, &c., has taken place at Doaba, which is our nearest point to the base.

Major McSwiney, D.A.A.-G., left a fortnight ago to take up his appointment at the War Office, carrying the good wishes of all with him, and Major Colin Campbell, C.I.H., has been appointed to the vacancy.

Rumour has it that the 22nd P. I. will garrison the Valley when the Column is broken up, a strong detachment being kept at Thull, which has hitherto been left to the charge of the Border Police. Now the fort has been very much strengthened, and it would prove a hard nut to crack without artillery. The same may be said of the various posts between this and Parachinar, for if our Field Engineers were occasionally busy destroying, their labours have chiefly been directed, and more successfully, to building. Further up the line it has been very cold with much snow. Here it is most enjoyable, and an occasional tramp over the rough and stony hills after chikor has speedily removed any tendency to softness or want of condition.

Our friends, the Khani Khels, are reported to be still in a very angry state, and very sore over their defeat and consequent loss of prestige. On several occasions they have started in small bodies with the threat to raid in the Kurram, but it has invariably ended by their sitting on the hills overlooking Bellah Khel until the cold has taken the courage out of them, and then they have discovered that discretion is the better part of valour and returned to their homes.

The Massuzais' and other sections of the Chamkannis, also those of the Khani Khels, who were so fortunate as not to have their villages destroyed, are strongly against any raiding, and have forbidden them to pass through their lands, in fear of a return visit from us in the spring. In any case the Kurram Militia and ordinary garrison of the valley are perfectly capable of guarding against any looting on a large scale. The occasional loot of a small party of cattle grazing too near the hills will no doubt continue, as has been done for years, although after the severe punishment meted out to the tribes they will have less confidence in their security from retribution.

News has just been received that sanction has been accorded for the Column to be broken up and a few days more will see the force scattered. It has not had the good fortune to have much fighting, but satisfaction is felt that what has been done has been considered well done. Our cavalry have with their mounted infantry arises the native Sowar can give as good account of himself on foot as on horseback, and all feel that when it is our fate to war again we would not wish for better luck then to serve under General Hill again.

THE JEALOUSY OF THE CLANS.

One of the great difficulties which Colonel Warburton has to face in his negotiations with the Afridi *Jirgaths* arises out of the jealousy between the various clans. There are 600 tribesmen assembled at Jamrud, but many of these are persons who have come as each *malik* having brought with him a following, and some clansmen having come on their own account. It was hoped at first that every section of the tribe would be represented by their responsible elders, but there have been many intrigues among the rival factions, and the maliks have not been a finger in the pie. The Zakka Khel seat in no one at all, though the tribal arrangement was that they should join in the negotiations. They are still in opposition, and though their attacks upon our troops in the Khyber are now of a faint-hearted kind, they decline to use any overtures for submission. The only supporters they appear to have are among a portion of the Kuki Khel, afeian who has been built up into importance since Amin Jan sided with the Government when the raid on the Khyber was made. The Kuki Khel however have sent their headmen into Jamrud and are watching the course of events. They may be expected to side with the majority in the long run. The negotiations have to be carried on with the greatest caution, for if one section seems to be favoured by the British others turn sulky at once and suspect some design to treat them in an unfair manner. They judge our officers according to their own standard, and cannot believe that the Government have no intention to act otherwise than impartially towards the tribe as a whole. Thus last week the report arising that the Malikdin maliks had practically arranged matters for themselves and promptly there was an exodus of Kamkar and Kuki Khel malikdins. The malcontents were induced to return, but for a day or least all negotiations came to a standstill. The Kamral Khel and Sipah were not well pleased at the suit of the proposals made by the Malikdin section, and like these three clans which seems most amenable to reason. So far as can be judged the Afridis are alarmed at the prospect of a spring campaign, and though the Zakka Khel, will not agree to the acceptance of the Government terms, the other clans are anxious to patch up some settlement. They realise that the return of our troops to their country will be a far more serious matter than the recent invasion of Tirah. The crops will be ripening on the plains, 20,000 or 30,000 transport animals are fed upon them for weeks together there will be no harvest to be reaped.

It has been more than once remarked that the Afridis, unlike the Bajuch tribes further to the south, do not yield willing obedience to their headman. They are both ignorant and vain, each man acting according to his own will and showing a spirit of personal independence which constantly leads to bloodshed. It is this spirit which makes the question of the surrender of rifles so difficult. An Afridi who has stolen or purchased a Martini-Henri will not readily part with it at the order of the maliks of his clan. He has probably a blood-feud on hand, and the loss of his weapon may place him at the mercy of his enemy. One village may have had a long standing dispute with another over land or irrigation channels; and as might is right in the Afridi country the loss of a score of rifles by his or that side will not be submitted to except under the strongest necessity. At the present moment the sections representing the Jamrud headmen to conclude an arrangement with Government so long as the Zakka Khel hold aloof for the effect might possibly be to leave that clan in possession of all its rifles, in which case it would dominate the whole tribe. As a matter of fact Government would never allow such a termination of the Afridi business to take place: the submission of all the clans must be made or further operations will be undertaken. This, we understand, is being made clear to the Maliks who have come in; and they will be required to bring such pressure to bear upon the Zakka Khel as will induce the latter to join in the general negotiations. The obstinacy of this particular section is partly no doubt to be explained by the fact that they have very few of their number in the Native Army, and are thus not influenced, like the Malikdin and other clans, by advice from kinsmen in our service. That the Afridis as a body do not bear ill-will against the Government is proved by the fact that the number of recruits now offering themselves for enlistment in regiments on the frontier is greater than it has been for years past. We are not without hope that during the current week Sir William Lockhart and Colonel Warburton may succeed in so advancing the negotiations that a settlement may be arrived at without further military operations; but everything must depend upon the attitude of the Zakka Khel. If they stubbornly refuse to listen to the remonstrances of the other clans the coercion in the spring must be undertaken, the blockade against the whole tribe being strictly maintained meanwhile.—*Pioneer.*

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, JAN. 27.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed steady. Sales dull.

Good Bhownuggar ..... 2 21-32.

The Manchester Market has been firm.

2½ per cent. Consols 112 11-16

3 per cent. Rentes 101 1-4

3½ per cent. Russian Loan 110 1-2

4½ per cent. Rupee Paper 64 13-16

Bar Silver 29 5-16

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending Wednesday, show the following variations:—Total Bullion, £32,630,000; Increase, £510,000; Public Deposits, £10,100,000; Increase, £1,700,000; Other Deposits, £27,560,000; Decrease, £1,430,000; Other Securities, £21,990,000; Decrease, £300,000; Notes and Gold, £22,800,000; Increase, £130,000. The Bank's Reserve is 49 per cent. of the Liabilities.

SERIOUS PLAGUE RIOT IN THE NASIK DISTRICT.

A HOSPITAL ASSISTANT KILLED AND A CONSTABLE WOUNDED.

POST OFFICE WRECKED AND WIRES CUT.

THE MOB DISPERSED WITH FIRE ARMS.

Last autumn a plague search party was attacked by a mob of villagers at a hamlet near Igatpuri, and although the rioters received exemplary punishment, we now have to record a much more serious outbreak in another place in the Nasik district, the most serious, in fact, that has occurred in connection with the plague operations of Government during the last fifteen months. The scene of this ebullition of resentment against the measures it has been found necessary to adopt in dealing with the plague was Sinnar, which is not a mere village, but a Municipal town of some importance, being the head-quarters of the taluka of the same name, and having a population of nearly 10,000 persons. The town, which was the capital of the local Government under the Great Moguls, stands on high level ground, about seventeen miles south-east of Nasik, and the main road from that town to Poona runs through it. Beside the usual mamlatdar's offices, Sinnar possesses a subordinate judge's court, a dispensary, a post office, a telegraph office, and vernacular schools, and a weekly market is held on Sundays.

The town does not appear to have been affected with plague until a short time ago, when a few indigenous cases were reported, and it was deemed necessary to provide hospital and segregation accommodation. These were erected and equipped under the direction of Dr. Gwyther, on special plague duty, who has his headquarters at Nasik, and patients found suffering from plague have been removed to the hospitals, while their friends have been segregated. The deaths up to January 14 numbered 31, and the attacks 42.

The people of Sinnar seem to have greatly resented the measures that have been taken, and instead of quietly submitting like the inhabitants of other towns and villages visited by the epidemic, they determined in a moment of madness to resist by force the stringent but humane orders of the Sircar. The first blow against the authorities was struck late in the afternoon of Thursday, when the mob assembled in great force, armed with such rough and ready implements of attack as they could lay their hands on. They first of all made a rush for the plague segregation sheds, and setting fire to them razed them to the ground, which was easy enough, seeing the inflammable nature of the material used. They also attacked and completely wrecked the post office, and by cutting the telegraph wires prevented the taluka and plague officials from forthwith reporting the state of affairs to the district officials at Nasik.

The police and other representatives of the Sircar in the town did all in their power to resist the lawlessness with which they were thus suddenly confronted. But the excited people were not to be deterred from carrying out their object. They wreaked their vengeance upon the hospital assistant in charge of the dispensary, Mr. Venkajee Dewjee, and he was killed, though in what manner was not shown by the telegrams received at the time of writing. The tent of Dr. Gwyther was attacked, and burnt with all its contents. Dr. Gwyther was himself attacked, but he was the first to ride into Nasik with the news and urgent requisition for help. A constable was seriously wounded, and had become quite senseless, so that it was decided to break up the mob by the use of firearms. They were accordingly fired on and dispersed, but it does not appear that any of them were killed or wounded. Two of the rioters were captured, and upon the news of the outbreak being received at Nasik a detachment of police was sent to restore order. Great excitement prevailed in the zilla town when the news of the outbreak was received. It is worthy of note that this is not the first occasion on which the people of Sinnar have defied the authorities. In November 1848, forty insurgents assembled in the town and were joined by twenty-five more. Their leader, one Krishna Kuvar, stated that their object was to gain possession of the village of Kankari, about ten miles to the south-west of the place. All the insurgents were arrested a Kankari, and on giving up their arms were released. The Hindu fane over 90 per cent. of the population, the remainder being almost entirely Mahomedans. The Municipality was established in 1860, and the dispensary in 1873. The district of which it is the head-quarters is 920 square miles in extent and consists of a somewhat bare plateau from 400 to 500 ft. above the level of Nasik. The population of the town is almost entirely agricultural. A large portion of the land about it is irrigated and produces rich crops of sugarcane, plantains, betel leaves, and rice. The average rainfall of the town is about 22 inches, and the climate is healthy, although made feverish in the cold weather by the large area of irrigated land. The people are generally poor, indebted, and superstitious, and therefore ill-able to understand or appreciate the good intentions of the Sircar in seeking to save them from decimation by the plague.

LATER PARTICULARS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

NASIK, JAN. 22.

There was a riot yesterday afternoon soon after 4 o'clock at Sinnar, twenty miles to south of Nasik, in which the hospital assistant was killed, and the tents and kit of the doctor on plague duty were burnt. The rioters cut the telegraph wires and smashed the instruments at the post office. They also burnt the Segregation Camp and Plague Hospital, besides doing other damage. Dr. Gwyther, who was also attacked, rode into Nasik for assistance, and some police sepoys were despatched at once. It is said that the Deputy Collector would not at first allow the Treasury guard to fire on the mob, but that afterwards some shots were fired and four rioters were arrested.

This morning two doctors from Nasik started for Sinnar. Mr. Wingate, the Plague Commissioner from Bombay, has gone there this afternoon.

The earliest historical mention of Sinnar appears to be as Sindher in a copper-plate of A. D. 1069. According to tradition Sinnar was founded by a Gauli Chief, Rao Shingani; perhaps the Seunendu of the copper-plate, about 700 years ago. Rao Shingani's son, Rao Govind, is believed to have built the splendid temple outside the town on the north-east, at a cost of £20,000 (Rs. 2,00,000) and called it Govindeshvar or Gondeshvar. It is a shair panchayatana or group of five temples, within a large enclosure, the central temple being dedicated to Shiv, and of the smaller shrines, the two to the north of the enclosure are dedicated to Narayan and Ganpati, and the two to the south to the Sun and Mahashakti. The central temple, though much out of repair, is one of the finest in this part of the country, being covered with rich sculpture. On the north-west of the town is the temple of Aieshvar, a shair shrine, said to have been built about A.D. 1450. It had originally a hall or sabhamandap, all of which, except four beautifully carved pillars, seems to have been carried off to build or repair other structures. The shrine remains, but within the space of some twenty or thirty years later Sinnar became the head-quarters of the chief officer of the Emperor of Delhi in these parts, and its population greatly increased. Later still it was the seat of Government of Amritrao Deshmukh, who was appointed head of the fourteen sub-divisions by the Mogul Emperor. In his time the population of Sinnar increased. He is also said to have built the town walls and thrown a masonry dam across the river. The deshmukh's mansion or nada is still the largest building in the town, and contains within its outside wall many separate collections of houses, now let to distinct families, irrespective of caste. About 1790 Sindher appears in Maratha records as the head-quarters of sub-divisions in the district of Sangamner with a yearly revenue of about Rs. 20,000. With the exception of some 200 looms, chiefly for wearing robes or sadis, and a few silk weavers who have come from Sangamner, Sinnar has no trade or manufacture. The population is almost entirely agricultural.

Among previous plague disturbances may be mentioned the attack on the Arthur Road Hospital by millhands last year; the Versovar affray in which Mr. Hudson, I.C.S., was set upon; the riot near Igatpuri, and the recent attack on a plague party by over 200 Seedis.

Mr. A. Wingate, C. I. E., Secretary to Government, Plague Department, left Bombay yesterday for Nasik, en route to the scene of the outbreak of disorder.

BOMBAY FOX-HOUNDS.

The Wankols meet—always a bad one—produced somewhat better sport on Thursday than is usually the case. The hunting train failed to put in an appearance until 6-30, and the start was in consequence delayed. The field mustered about thirty, amongst whom was one lady. A jack was got on to at once, and led us slowly towards the melon ground over some very rough country, which brought the lady to grief. Her horse came down over a "bund" with a treacherous landing and she took a rather heavy "crumpler." No bones broken, but a severe shaking and some nasty cuts about the face. Neither jack nor hounds took any notice of this mishap—you may have noticed perhaps that when you fall about hounds don't stop in order to give one time to pick oneself up,—and the pace swung right-handed over the melon ground and made for the cultivated fields, so hated by followers of the Bombay Hounds. He was hunted slowly over them, and the field, with one or two exceptions, divided on all sides to find the nearest way round. "The exceptions" went through—rather rough on the hardy sons of toil. "Master Jack" now headed for Kalena, and was hunted through the village of that name. Ringing round, he made for the creek, and was run into in the swamp which lies this side of it. Not a good run by any means, but, then, Wankola never gives a good run. No time was wasted in getting across to Sahar, and Mr. Syms soon had his pack on the line of another jack. Right over the Andheri Road he took us through the jungle and towards Goregaum. He apparently got a "bit full" of running in that direction and swung right back towards the road again, hounds pulling him down in the Mangoo Tope close to the road. A fair morning, but not good.

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

THE GENERAL ELECTION IN MINIATURE.

LONDON, JAN. 14.

The polling at Plymouth for the seat vacated by the death of Mr. Charles Harrison took place on Wednesday; that for York for the seat vacated by the death of Sir Frank Lockwood took place on Thursday. At Plymouth the Liberals have held their own, Mr. Mendl being returned by the substantial majority of 164 votes; at York the Conservatives have captured a seat by the insignificant majority of 11. The *Times* tells its readers that the return of Mr. Mendl was "generally expected," but the *Globe* more candidly describes the defeat of "the Guest who had come to stay" as annoying, and there are other indications that the Ministerialists looked for a success in the West country as well as in the Northern county. The Liberals were not over-confident, and in London at all events rather anticipated a defeat, particularly owing to the energetic manner in which Sir Edward Clarke worked on behalf of young Mr. Guest and to what they thought was the disadvantage in the present state of public feeling of Mr. Mendl's origin. The Ministerial organs in the metropolis now chide the Plymouth Conservatives for raising the cry that Mr. Mendl is a German-Jew. Even if it were true that Mr. Mendl's descent was German instead of Roumanian, such charges, it is pointed out, are apt to recoil on those making them. "It is," the *Times* properly reminds its friends in Devonshire, "our national boast that we readily accept as citizens all men of foreign origin who become British by naturalization. Some very distinguished names in our political history—Bentinck, Keppel, Romilly, Disraeli, Labouchere, Hope, and Goschen are among those which will most readily occur to everybody's memory—would have been blotted out of our annals if the test which it was sought to apply to Mr. Mendl had been insisted upon in the past." The mistake the Plymouth Conservatives made was in bringing this outside as such an early period in the campaign. They would have shown more of the wisdom of the electioneering expert if they had kept this valuable piece of ammunition back until the last moment and when it would be too late to effectively meet it. At York there has been no foul play between the Liberals and the Conservatives, but Sir Christopher Furness has had an exceptionally tough battle to fight, from which he emerges with credit. Considering the dead-set made against him by the New Trade Unionists, headed by Mr. John Burns, who is giving himself terrible airs, and the Independent Labour party led by the redoubtable Mr. Keir Hardie, to say nothing of the Social Democrats commanded by Mr. Hyndman, the wonder is that the Liberal candidate did so well. Mr. Samuel Storey, ex-M.P., who engineered the fight on the Liberal side, told a friend of mine that he expected Beresford would win by 300. This was on Wednesday before the result of the Plymouth election was known. The Liberal triumph at Plymouth probably decided some waverers at York to vote for Sir Christopher Furness, so curious are the influences that operate upon the minds of some of the free and independent electors. Lord Charles Beresford's reappearance on the political stage is welcomed by Liberals as well as Conservatives. The former console themselves for the loss of York by the reflection that in all probability before many months are past Lord Charles Beresford will be making in the House of Commons speeches of a character more likely to please his opponents than his own political friends. I do not observe that Mr. Goschen and the Board of Admiralty have telegraphed their congratulations to Lord Charles.

MR. J. M. MACLEAN, M.P., AND THE FRONTIER CAMPAIGN.

The pugnacious speech delivered by Mr. Maclean at a dinner of the Institute of Journalists, on Saturday, will probably not have been read with unmixed pleasure by some at least of his friends on the Treasury Bench. Referring to the recent military operations across the Indian border, the hon. member said he had remarked, with surprise and some uneasiness, that the Press of London had not laid all the facts fairly before the public. What they had published was excellent in its way; but it had been left to the Anglo-Indian Press to tell the British public that everything had not been as it ought to be, either in the management of the campaign by the generals or in the conduct of the troops engaged in the war. These were facts that ought to be known, because the war involved enormous expenditure of public money and terrible waste of human life. Every effort should be made by the proprietors of our great newspapers to bring out the facts as they had happened, and let the public know what were the real causes of the blunders made and of the miserable results which had attended the war. No direct reply so far as I am aware, seems has been made to Mr. Maclean; but Mr. Balfour in his speech at Manchester, on Monday, spoke very highly of the conduct of our troops, and the Commander-in-Chief in Westminster, on Tuesday, specially praised the behaviour of the rank-and-file. Mr. Balfour enlarged on the physical obstacles which had to be encountered, and added:—"It is not easy in imagination for us here to put ourselves in the place of those who are fighting our battles in India, but I have made it my business to inquire into this matter, and I can tell you that there never was a case in which more gratitude was owing by us at home to those serving abroad, and the measure of reparation on the Stock Exchange, but a portion was devoted to defraying household expenses and to keeping up her social position. She alleges that he was, to say the least, eccentric. According to her testimony in the witness-box he took great interest in her betting and Stock Exchange transaction; but to use a slang expression he would not "part." As an instance of his parsimony she declared that before their son was born she had to sue her husband for pin money. Although on friendly terms with him he did not accompany her when she went into society and had "never dined out with her in his life." Last year he visited America. She met him on his return and made a clean breast of her "enormous liabilities." He then, she says, promised to pay up, but when he left her to go to Yorkshire he disappeared, so no one could get at him and could get no money. In cross-examination, she said her husband was not a sound business man; he was as capable as most woman. Counsel for the husband declare that the amount borrowed since 1890 by Lady Sykes was £126,000 odd!

THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S COUNCIL.

I have previously mentioned that Sir Charles Turner, who was appointed Law member of the Council of India in succession to the late Sir Henry Maine, ten years ago, will sever his connection with the India Office on the 21st of February. Nothing is known definitely as to who will take his place; but an impression prevails in some quarters that Sir Arthur Wilson may be invited to move up higher. Sir Arthur Wilson will be remembered in Bombay as a chairman of the Crawford Commission, and on the Bengal side as a former ornament of the Calcutta Bench. He went out to India as a puisne judge of the Bengal High Court in 1878 and resigned that position six years ago to become legal adviser and solicitor to the Secretary of State on the retirement of Sir Charles Pontifex. The vacancy caused rather more than two months ago by the completion of Sir Alexander Arbuthnot's term of service has not yet been filled up. It was generally understood at the time that Sir Philip Perceval Hutchins, the present Secretary of the Judicial and Public Department at the India Office, and like Sir A. Arbuthnot an old Madras man, was destined for the post, and the fact that he was not immediately appointed occasioned some surprise. In official circles, however, it is believed that his elevation to the Council is still in contemplation, though if this is the case, it is not easy to see why Lord George Hamilton should be so long in making up his mind, or if he has made up his mind, why the announcement should be delayed. There may, possibly be a difficulty in selecting a suitable person to follow Sir Philip Hutchins as head of the Judicial Department; but the difficulty cannot arise from a lack of competent candidates. It seems to be taken for granted that whoever the lucky individual may be he will be a lawyer and a man of Indian judicial experience. The salary attached to the departmental secretaryships at the India Office is £1,200 per annum, a nice addition to the pension of a retired judge. The pay of a member of the Council is the same, but he is not affected by the limit of age rule and his appointment lasts ten years.

SIR JAMES MACKAY.

Sir James Mackay, K.C.I.E., member of the Council of India, leaves London by to-night's mail. His visit to India will be a very short one. He expects, I hear, to be back in London towards the end of February.

THE POONA MURDERS.

I understand that a memorial to the late Mr. Walter Charles Rand has been placed in St. Peter's Church, Dulwich, and that it will be unveiled on the 2nd inst. by Mr. H. M. Birdwood, C.S.I., as a late member of the Bombay Government, has been invited to preside over the unveiling ceremony.

THE DEATH-ROLL.

The death of the Hon. Sir Robert Henry Meade, G.C.B. (late Permanent Under-Secretary for the Colonies), occurred at Belfast on Saturday, the primary cause being suppressed gout, from which he had long suffered. He joined the Civil Service after enclosing a distinguished academical career at Oxford, and early in his career had opportunities of exhibiting those qualities that afterwards were to greatest advantage to the State. He was a member of Lord Dufferin's Mission to Syria, and he shortly afterwards accompanied the Prince of Wales on his grand tour early in the Sixties. He was long and practically unbroken connection with the Colonial Department commenced in 1868, when he served as Private Secretary to the then Minister for the Colonies, the late Earl Granville. He was appointed Assistant Under-Secretary in 1871 and Permanent Under-Secretary in 1892, when Lord Ripon, for whom he had a great admiration, was Secretary of State for the Colonies. A Liberal of the old school and averse to Jingoism, he did not find the "peaceful" policy of Lord Ripon's successor altogether congenial, and he made up his mind to retire in 1896. At Mr. Chamberlain's request, however, he cheerfully agreed to remain in office another year, but an accident he met with in entering an omnibus compelled his earlier retirement to the deep regret of the entire department. As a writer in the "Times" observes:—"It has fallen to the lot of few men who have lived, as he has lived, constantly in positions of personal intimacy with men of very different types, to have made so few enemies and to have won for themselves so warm a place in so many hearts. Everyone who knew him was fond of him, and those who did not agree with his opinions respected the conviction with which he held them. His knowledge of the world and kindly tact was appreciated by all who came in contact with him, and formed not the least of his qualifications for high departmental position." He was twice married, his first wife being daughter of the third Earl of Harewood, and sister of Lady George Hamilton. In both cases he became a widower twelve months after marriage. There was one child by each wife.

The news of Mr. Ernest Hart's death came as a surprise to all but his more intimate friends, for although it was generally known, that his health left much to be desired, few were aware that his end was so near. He died a week ago at Brighton, where he had been staying for some months. He had long suffered from diabetes, and more recently one of his feet became affected with a serious disease. Fearing the complaint would spread, his medical advisers recommended that the leg should be amputated, and this operation was performed in September. He bore his afflictions with characteristic courage and resignation. He first came prominently before the public as the special correspondent of the "Times" stationed at Sandringham during the illness of the Prince of Wales. I have heard the prince of special correspondents, Mr. Archibald Forbes, speak of Mr. Hart's work at Sandringham in terms of the highest praise, and there is no doubt that as a journalist he was "facile princeps" in his own line. But he did not confine his exertions to urging by newspaper articles other people to work; he worked himself, and worked very hard, on behalf of numerous philanthropic objects. His editorship of the "British Medical Journal" and his connection with the British Medical Association necessarily brought him into contact with the members of the faculty employed in India; but apart from this he was greatly interested in our Eastern Empire, and no one showed more pleasure than he did in the work of the Indian Section of the Great International Congress of Hygiene held in London about six years ago. His visit to India in 1894 and his vigorous address at the Sanitary Congress in Calcutta will still be fresh in the recollection of your readers. As a hard hitter and no respecter of persons he necessarily made many enemies; but he was also the possessor of a singularly wide circle of friends whom it was his pleasure to assemble once or twice every summer at his pleasant rural retreat in Hertfordshire. A Liberal in politics, attached by intellect as well as political ties to Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Hart was often mentioned as a probable candidate for Parliament; it is a pity that he never sat in the House of Commons, where his services would have been most useful in many ways to the country. He was 62 years' old.

Mr. G. L. Pilkington, the lay missionary, who has been killed in the fighting in Uganda, was a man of great force of character. After some experience as a schoolmaster at Harrow and Bedford, he found he had a vocation for missionary work and was accepted by the Church Missionary Society for Uganda in 1890. Not the least valuable of his labours were his translations. He also wrote a Buganda grammar, which has been of great use to our pioneering officers. Captain Villiers, Royal Horse Guards, writes of the deceased:—"Naturally a man of fine physique and constitution, he was able to stand the climate better than most. On the arrival of Sir Gerald Portal in Uganda we were all surprised to find that the Waganda chiefs could read and write, and on our crossing the Nile these chiefs sent Sir Gerald Portal written congratulations on his safe arrival. But on coming to Mengo, the capital, which is also the headquarters of the C. M. S., we soon saw the reason of the wonderful civilization to which these people had attained. Mr. Pilkington was the leading spirit of the C. M. S. missionaries. He was living in a neat bungalow built by the natives under his direction. Here a large number of natives of all ages were taught to read and write. They looked up to Mr. Pilkington as their friend, and would go anywhere and do anything for him. He accompanied the Waganda, at their special request, as their chaplain, on the Onyoro expedition, living in the camp of the chiefs throughout the entire campaign, and was the cause of their abandoning all their former ideas of warfare and behaving as well as civilised troops. He was doubtless acting in the same capacity to the Protestant Waganda who have now joined Major Macdonald. It is owing to the attachment of the Protestant Waganda to men like Mr. Pilkington that we have been able to hold Uganda so easily up to the present time. In Mr. Pilkington's death the cause of civilization in Africa has received a severe blow, and England has lost a devoted servant." Mr. Pilkington was only 33 years of age.

I have also to announce the deaths of Mr. H. Stacy Marks, R.A., whose quaint pictures of bird-life will be sorely missed from the walls of the Royal Academy, and who died rather suddenly on the 24th instant; and year; Mrs. Charles Cowden Clarke, the venerable and accomplished author of the first and best known of Shakespere Concordances; Sir Charles Hutton Gregory, a past president of the Institution of Civil Engineers, and husband of the late Mrs. Gregory, the latter a distinguished writer in her light line. Mrs. Gregory was a cleverness; Sir Archibald Dunbar, Bart.; Major-General John Dean; Viscountess Chetwynd; the Hon. Ashley Ponsonby, well-known in political circles and an active member of the Progressive party in the London County Council; the Hon. William Gillespie, an ex-Colonial Minister; Count Delianof, Russian Minister of Public Instruction; and Comte de Warren, a writer on Indian subjects.

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Catchpole, Mr
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Dredge, Mr J A
Edwards, Capt J R
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THE WEEK'S MAIL SUMMARY.

LONDON, JAN. 15.

MR. A. J. BALFOUR delivered two important speeches this week to his constituents in East Manchester. One was on home and foreign politics, and the other on the army. He said everyone knew that at the time of next session was largely mortgaged to a measure of local government for Ireland and to army reforms. The measure for Ireland would involve on the part of the Imperial Exchequer a very large amount of expense, which he might roughly call £500,000, a sum which Ireland had no claim in the sense that it was a money debt due to her; but he felt certain that the Government would be supported in the feeling even that vast annual sum if thereby some great advantage of public policy could be obtained—the advantage that Ireland should receive a measure of local government on as broad a basis as that which had already been conferred on England and Scotland.

Of the war on the Indian North-West frontier, he said we seemed to be involved with undefined tribes in a struggle which, when finished, would produce no apparent or tangible results for the Empire. We must see that those who built our own frontier were protected; we must see that those tribes, while we did not desire to interfere with them, should not be besieged with by other people; and, in order to be able to fulfil our treaty obligations to defend the Ameer of Afghanistan from attack, we must have command of the necessary military routes through those great mountain barriers. If the tribes would abandon those outrages, we desired to leave them to their own devices.

Passing on to speak of China, Mr. Balfour said he had no startling revelations to make. Our interests in that country were commercial and trading interests, and not territorial interests. Territory, in so far as it was not necessary to supply a base for possible warlike operations, was a disadvantage rather than an advantage. Inasmuch as of British trade there was eighty per cent. of that of the whole world, we had a special claim to see that the policy of that country was not stunted to the discouragement of foreign trade for all the world alike. We must see to the possible pressure by any foreign Government in China to make regulations adverse to us and favourable to them, or to dot the coast with stations over which they had complete control, and through which they, by means of Customs barriers, might not let the trade of the world permeate freely. In neither of these ways would the Government let the trade of this country be handed over the old palace at Kew to the administration of the national Botanic Gardens.

The Council of legislation has decided on Wednesday, when the Radicals retained the majority of 9,300 to 5,302 votes. Mr. Mendl thus becomes Mr. Hartley Lambton's successor at York, where the polling took place yesterday, the candidature of Sir C. Furness—a member of the Engineering Employers' Federation—has been very fiercely attacked by Mr. John Burns, and Mr. Keir Hardie even advised his group of followers to vote for Lord Charles Beresford, Lord Emlyn and his son, Mr. Hugh Campbell, are standing as the Unionist candidates for Cirencaste and Pembrokeshire respectively, against Lord E. Fitzmaurice and Mr. Wynford Philipps. The Hon. R. T. Lambton is contesting South-East Durham against Alderman Richardson.

The question of Army Reform is dealt with this week by Lord Ghetnsford, who, however, does not approve of the extension of the linked battalion system. "Reform," and an ex-sergeant, who suggests various changes, Lord Easton, who would extend Militia long service, and by Sir Arthur Haliburton, who replies at some length to the critics of the present system. Mr. Balfour has made some reference to military matters in a speech at Manchester, and the Commander-in-Chief has been recommending an Army career to an audience of boys at Wellington College. The policy of Lord Wantage in regard to the Channel Islanders is denounced by a correspondent signing himself "Haro."

The Royal Commission on the Irish Land Acts have come to a unanimous decision, but its nature is not yet revealed.—At a meeting in Dublin to support the proposal of a Roman Catholic University, a letter from Mr. Lecky was read advising that Catholic secular education should continue to be given at the existing institutions.—A weekly newspaper in the Irish language has been started.

The trial of the great City fire ended on Wednesday, when a majority of the jury declared the prisoners guilty of the charges preferred by some unknown.—At a fire in Glasgow on Friday an explosion occurred by which four firemen lost their lives.—Another fire occurred at Durham, and other valuable pictures have been destroyed by a fire in Oxford-shire.

The Courts were reopened on Tuesday, when the Court of Appeal reversed a decision of Mr. Justice Kekewich, by which a payment of interest nine days was made equivalent to "punctual."

The values of British imports and exports last month were 32 and 4·9 per cent. respectively below the values for December, 1897. The imports for the whole of 1897 were 2·1 per cent. in excess of those of 1896; but the year's exports show a decrease of 2·4 per cent.

There is little news from China this week. It is announced from Pekin that the Chinese Government has rejected the proposals for a Russian guaranteed loan. It is added that China has ceded Kiao-chau to Germany for fifty years, Germany had demanded that the term should be ninety years. It is reported that the British Government proposes to guarantee the proposed British-Chinese loan.

A bill is about to be introduced into the Canadian Parliament authorising a plebiscite to be taken in the Dominion on the question of the prohibition of the liquor traffic. The Provinces of Manitoba, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Ontario have already voted in favour of prohibition; but jurisdiction was claimed for Federal authority, and the question was only recently raised by the courts.

News has been received at Zanzibar from Major Macdonald, in Uganda, dated December 10, to the effect that there has been serious fighting near Lubwa's Village, in which Lieutenant Macdonald, and the missionary, Mr. Pilkington, have been killed. More troops are being dispatched to the scene of the fighting.

It is evidence that the military authorities intend to make this year's campaign in the Soudan decisive one. British troops are, it is said, being sent to Egypt, including, it is said, the 1st Grenadier Guards. The Duke of Connaught is going at Michaelmas and Shendy.

The Moulvie Rahmatullah Ahmad, who occupied the chair at the League was sitting on my left hand at the Conference held at Montague Mansions on Dec. 29, when I moved the resolution and the purport of the resolution at the League was also I believe presented at the Conference. A Mahomedan medan gentleman Mr. H. S. Gour—also present at that session, and a member of Mahomedan gentlemen were present. My resolution was circulated some days before the Conference and at the meeting I had opposition and was carried unanimously.

Mr. Moulvie Rahmatullah Ahmad writes:—As Mr. Naoroji says, so we were other Moslems present. Some of them, no doubt were his political followers but in cases we take others who are well-known as opponents. It is to your credit that they held their peace and I trying several instances. Should a Moslem gentleman, full of unfavourable information against the spirit of the meeting, had arisen from his speech, and proposed a rejection of the meeting would have met with very little success. Mr. Naoroji has great experience in the art of constitutional juggling.

THE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST.

GERMANY AND KIAO-CHAU BAY.

IT was officially announced in Berlin on January 10 that the lease to Germany by the Chinese Government of Kiao-chau Bay extends over ninety-nine years. The Berlin *Post* states that before the occupation of Kiao-chau the British Government was sounded as to the attitude it would assume, and that no objection to the German action has been raised in London. Several companies have been formed in Berlin, Hamburg, and other German cities (it would appear from a *Standard* telegram) to take advantage, as soon as possible, of the opportunities offered to German industry and commerce by the China-German Treaty, and negotiations for a new China-German Commercial Treaty will begin soon. Some surprise was caused by the fact that Admiral Diederich's proclamation speaks of a Governor "Tschi" and of a Brigadier-General "Tsai." It now appears that the two German naval captains Stubenrauch and Zeye, whose names no Chinaman can pronounce, were meant. The new postcards, stamps, &c., for Kiao-chau have been made by simply printing the word "China" on the ordinary German ones. The German Government continues to disseminate elaborate protestations of the peaceful intentions by which it has been animated in Germany's enterprise in China, which is being discerned (to telegrams from the German capital state) that the retention of Kiau-chau will involve considerable expenditure. The *Daily News* Berlin correspondent telegraphed on Jan. 7:—

An understanding now exists between Russia and Germany. But this does not mean that she was the cause in the first phases of the Kiao-chau affair, as over zealous Governmental organs here pretended. If I am rightly informed, things developed as follows:—The Emperor William informed the Tsar personally of the occupation. His Russian Majesty in turn replied, his answer being more or less colourless. The Russian Cabinet, however, was unpleasantly surprised, and let these feelings be understood in Berlin. Russia since 1895 has recognised the German right to gain a foothold in China, in recognition of her services to China in the Japanese war; but she regarded Kiao-chau as within her sphere of interest. She claimed, moreover, to possess there certain rights of anchorage granted her by China. This led to negotiations with the Russian Cabinet, which were carried on in a very friendly spirit, and were considerably facilitated by a renewed personal exchange of opinion between the Emperor William and the Tsar, the former having again taken the initiative. Russia then also installed between China and Germany, and the peculiar form of the cession of Kiao-chau on lease was the result. This is why such great satisfaction prevails here with regard to the final conclusions of the agreement. With China alone Germany would long since have settled. The final success is the happy conclusion of the negotiations with Russia, which does credit to Herr von Bulow.

Two German warships sailed from Suez, on Jan. 8, for China.

In order to provide for regular communication between Kiao-chau and Shanghai, the German Admiralty has chartered for the purpose two German trading steamers engaged in the Chinese coasting service.

THE POSITION OF RUSSIA.

Reuter's Peking correspondent telegraphed, on Jan. 7,—"The Chinese Government has rejected the proposals for a Russian guaranteed loan." The Russian military adviser engaged in the Chinese Government arsenals last year has arrived in Pekin, with three subalterns. The *Times* of Jan. 10 published a message from Shanghai to the effect that "a high Russian official" has departed from the capital of China on route for Canton "to discuss certain matters with the Viceroy, who has been ordered to agree to the demands formulated."

Of all the wild and startling rumours afloat in St. Petersburg (says a *Times* telegram), the latest and strangest appears to be one which the *Novosti* and *Birzheviya Vedomosti* declare to be "absolutely true." The *Novosti* Echoes, which learns that Berlin diplomacists are seriously discussing the question of an international congress on Far Eastern affairs, says that all the Chancelleries in the world, at Moscow, because that city is the nearest to Japan, Korea, and China, each of which would send delegates. This paper also learns in Berlin there is talk of the possibility of a "Russo-Turkish war" as the result of the never-ceasing intrigues of England on the Balkan Peninsula.

Reuter's St. Petersburg correspondent, in a despatch dated Jan. 4, states:—

"A striking article upon Anglo-Russian relations, the *Novosti* to-day, referring to the idea of a rapprochement between Great Britain and Russia, which it has repeatedly advocated in its columns, says that the realisation of this idea is prevented by the conduct of European, and particularly British, diplomacy, which influences the Russian against the British, nowithstanding the high esteem in which they hold them, and the wish of the Russians to maintain the most friendly relations with the British nation. British diplomacy, the article has invented, and persistently maintains, a system of surprises, thus introducing elements of confusion into all matters of foreign politics, as was done in the Armenian question, during the Turco-Greek peace negotiations, and in Crete, and as is now the case in regard to the affairs of the Far East; and yet Great Britain is a highly-civilised country, richer than any other in notable politicians and men of science, for which reason she should well understand the fundamental bases of honourable and international relations, and should know that the present civilisation and population over the various parts of the globe cannot, in an unlikely and that the existing civilisation of the world no longer admits of the realisation of the dreams of universal dominion of the Middle Ages. Now that great Britain from making continued attempts at annexation, while she will not tolerate the invasion of her sphere of influence by other Powers. The *Novosti* blames Great Britain for showing hostility to what it describes as the realisation of imperative necessities, such as this country is capable of settling her enormous surplus population in distant countries, as Africa and China, and for Russia of securing the purchases in the Pacific a "point d'appui" for the development of her commerce and industry, which she anticipates in that region from the completion of the Siberian railway. The journal proceeds to quote an extraordinary letter, which it says has been received from London, dated Dec. 29. In this letter, which is signed "Lowther Bridger," the writer declares that the solution of affairs in the East is solely a matter for Great Britain, the United States, Japan, and Australia, and that Germany, France, and Russia had much better occupy themselves with their own internal affairs than expose themselves to the illusion and future misfortune. After complaining of the interference of China letter, the "Novosti" concludes by expressing the wish that Britain and Japan may in future be marked by more foresight and moderation in their aspirations, and by greater reliance in regard to the Powers, especially Russia, whose sole what is necessary to them, while Great Britain seizes hundreds of islands and thousands of strips of land in the Pacific, and in the world, which she has not even sufficient land or sea forces to protect.

Sir Nicholas O'Conor, British Ambassador to Russia, who has been on a visit to England for some months leave of absence, left London on Jan. 5, and is returning direct to St. Petersburg to resume his duties.

The *Daily News* has published an "interview" with Mr. Syromiatnikov, who has recently returned from a visit to China, Korea, and Russian Siberia. He was a member of the Russian mission which recently presented to China a letter from the Emperor of China. Onchkowski. Mr. Syromiatnikov, together with other members of the mission, was twice received in audience by the Emperor of China, and had many opportunities of conversing with the leading Chinese statesmen in Pekin. Dr. Markoff, who spent two years in China as correspondent of the Novosti, was also present at the interview, and endorsed all that Mr. Syromiatnikov had to say as to Russian policy in the Far East.

Russian policy (said Mr. Syromiatnikov) seems to be altogether misunderstood in England. Its only desire to participate in China. On the contrary, we wish to maintain her integrity. We wish to strengthen China; we do not want to grab any portion of it. All talk about conquering is nonsense. No European nation can conquer China. Europeans may for a time rule China, but their power will be only temporary. China has been ruled before by foreign races, but the Chinese have always absorbed them in the end, and they would assimilate Western Europeans do not understand the Chinese. You judge them by your standard of civilisation, a standard which is entirely foreign to the feelings and customs. We understand the Chinese, and this is the great advantage which we enjoy in dealing with them. We are Mongol ourselves. We are not at bottom Orientals. We do not belong to the Western World. We have had close relations with the Chinese ever since the Mongol dynasty appeared. Western ideas and methods we naturally understand their modes of thought and sympathise with their views. To you the Chinaman is a foreigner, and in fact is as much so as the Kinaman. We recognise in him a brother. He has not advanced himself to Western civilisation as we have, but nevertheless, he is like us. The Chinese feel this themselves, and you will find they will much more eagerly turn for assistance to Russia than to any other Power. I will tell you a little anecdote which illustrates this point. When I (Mr. Syromiatnikov) was in Moscow he was shown the pictures of the old Czars dressed in their long Byzantian robes. "But," he exclaimed, "they are Chinamen! How could you Russians, being Chinese, learn to make tramways and railways? That I do not understand. The Chinamen are a civilised people, and are not barbarians. They have their own code of morals, their own standards of right and wrong, to which they are much more faithful than we Europeans. They are peaceful people. They are a law-abiding, peaceful, industrious people. In reality China is not an autocracy; it is a great democratic nation. Each village governs itself, without any interference. The whole of China is governed on the principle of local self-government. There are huge tracts of country with whose population the Imperial Court and order are maintained without the aid of a single policeman or soldier. All this the Russians comprehend and appreciate, and the consequence is that they look upon and regard the Chinaman as being of the same nature as ourselves; for you the pigtail is an impassable barrier. Russia's mission is to lead China by degrees into that vast empire the material advantages of Western civilisation, in moral and spiritual spheres we have nothing to teach. Take the Nestor of the Great of China will have to be a Chinaman. And it seems to me that Russia's policy is one which should be supported by England. English and Russian interests in China are identical, and much trouble might be avoided if the two nations would establish their rights in that case. Russia is the European blockhouse. We are the outpost of civilisation standing between Europe and the teeming millions of China. We are the link between Asia and Europe, and it is on us that the duty of dealing with the Chinese first falls. At present there is no frontier between Russia and China. Chinese come into Siberia and we go into Chinese have settled there. The mixing of the races is already beginning. I am sorry to see an incitation in England to regard Japan as an ally. You do not know the Japanese. They are not a great people. They have simply a veneer of civilisation. They have always been copyists. Before the Chinese they imitated; now it is the Western nations. But you must remember that feudalism has only been abolished thirty years in Japan. In China it was abolished many hundreds of years ago. Next year the treaties of extra-territoriality fall in, and then you will find out your mistake. Japanese prisons are places which are hardly fit to keep animals in. They are cages and dens, not houses. If you count on Japan as an ally, you make a great mistake. Japan is an exotic flower of civilisation (Dr. Markoff remarked), it has developed rapidly, is still ole as quickly. Often compared with Japan is a hardy oak which flourishes slowly, but is all the stronger for its gradual growth."

To those who are familiar with Prince Ouchtomski's book and other Russian writings on the Mission of Mercury in the Far East, these statements will not be new, but some of the considerations set forth have been ignored in some recent discussions of the China and Japan question.

ENGLAND AND JAPAN: AN ANSWER TO MR. GREENWOOD.

MR. H. W. WILSON, writing in the *Pall Mall Gazette* of Jan. 10, regrets that Mr. Frederick Greenwood's "eminently sagacious and probable" forecast of events in the Far East contained an attack upon the Japanese nation. Mr. Wilson, having cited the provocation the Japanese had for their grievous excesses at Port Arthur, instances Napoleon's massacre of 4,000 Turks at Jaffa, the storming of Badajoz, the retaliation effected by such men as Neill and Nicholson in the Indian Mutiny days, the Russian treatment of the French prisoners taken in the retreat from Moscow, and Skobeleff's massacre of 8000 men and women at Geok Tepe in 1881, to "at least prove that the whole Japanese in nation cannot be regarded as murderous savages because acts were committed by their soldiers which have been repeatedly paralleled in civilised armies." Mr. Wilson continues:—

Nor will the argument that Asiatics cannot be our allies stand. The Amir of Afghanistan is our nominal ally to-day. We employ Asiatics in our Indian Army, and in 1878 we even proposed to use them in Europe. We have yet to learn that the pagan Gourkha is a more civilised being than the Japanese. We do not scruple in the past to use Asiatics against the French in India, and they, too, employed Asiatics against us. France has Algerian troops engaged in the war of 1870-1 and no one cried shame against Napoleon. Moreover, although whom they were fighting. Russia has many Asiatics in her army, and certainly the Japanese is no more uncivilised than the Russian. Moreover, in the present time the Powers of Europe are ready enough to use savage allies against us. Can any one doubt that, if there was serious trouble between France and England, France would hesitate to egg Menelik on against us, as in the past she egged on Tippoo Sahib? Nations when they are fighting for life and death do not stick at colour. Even in the United States, in the face of extraordinary prejudice, negro soldiers were employed by the North when the cause of the North was in danger. And if Japan is not be our friend she must be our enemy. In

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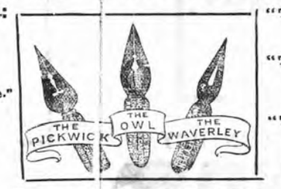

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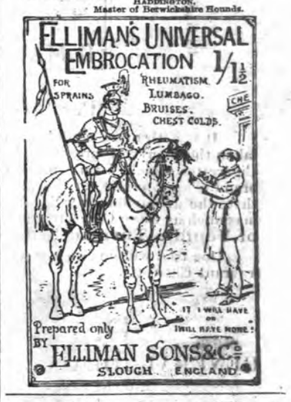

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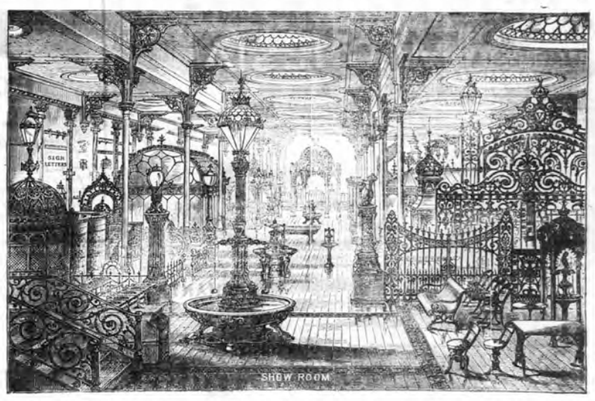

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